

Goals and Objectives Comparison Table

	Approved by RAC (Jan-April 2004)	G&O Changes (September 2004)	Rationale
MPs		Re-ordered	To reflect program priorities.
MP 6	Utilizes the precautionary principle with biological, cultural, and historic resource protection and integrity favored when there is a lack of information regarding the potential impacts of any activity.	Errs on the side of resource protection when there is uncertainty in available information on the impacts of an activity.	There are many interpretations of precautionary principle. The new phrasing is specific to concept.
1a	Develop and implement a long-term, comprehensive resource protection plan that integrates best practices, available science, traditional knowledge, and innovative management techniques.	Develop and implement a comprehensive management plan that integrates best practices, available science, traditional knowledge, and innovative management techniques, and addresses both short-term and long-term resource protection needs.	The management plan is the long-term comprehensive resource protection plan.
1b	Utilize the precautionary principle with biological, cultural, and maritime heritage resource protection and integrity favored when there is a lack of information regarding the potential impacts of any activity.	Errs on the side of resource protection when there is uncertainty in available information on the impacts of an activity.	Same rational as MP6
Goal 2	Provide for comprehensive and coordinated conservation and management that recognizes and complements existing jurisdictional boundaries and management regimes.	Provide for comprehensive and coordinated conservation and management that recognizes and complements existing jurisdictional boundaries and management regimes and involves stakeholder communities.	New phrase includes advisory council and the public.
2a	Develop and implement regional approaches, interagency agreements, and processes with partners to address key cross-jurisdictional activities, such as education, research and monitoring, enforcement and surveillance, and access.	Develop and implement regional and global approaches, interagency agreements, and processes with partners to address key cross-jurisdictional activities such as education, research and monitoring, enforcement and surveillance, and access.	The phrase “and global” broadens the type of approaches available for management.
2d		Engage representative stakeholder communities and the public in seeking advice for effective management.	Objective added to include advisory council and the public.

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Goal 3	Access shall be prohibited except as set forth in the management plan, implementing regulations, and applicable law.	Manage, minimize, or prevent negative human impacts by allowing access only for those activities that do not threaten the natural character or biological integrity of any ecosystem of the region.	Protects resource, while accurately reflecting the intention.
3a	The management plan, implementing regulations and a permit system shall authorize uses only if such uses do not threaten the natural character or biological integrity of any ecosystem of the region.	Allow access only for activities consistent with long-term ecosystem protection.	Protects resources, maintains access by permit concept.
4a	In collaboration with partners, plan and establish education programs that raise public awareness of NWHI marine environments and coral reef ecosystems, and the need to care for them.	Develop public outreach and education programs with partners to raise public awareness of NWHI marine ecosystems and the need to protect them and to effectively communicate access and use restrictions.	Objectives 4a & 4e were combined to reduce redundancy.
4e	Develop a public outreach program with partners to effectively communicate the need to protect the marine environments of the region and the restrictions on access and use.	Integrated with Objective 4a	
Goal 7	To ensure ecosystem integrity, rigorously restrict resource harvesting, including fishing, to areas where interactions with endangered Hawaiian monk seals, migratory seabirds, and other protected wildlife have been demonstrated as being very low, and the harvest can be monitored to collect data for ongoing evaluation of impacts. All harvest shall be subject to NMSP permits and reporting requirements and other management measures.	Maintain ecosystem integrity by limiting and controlling fishing activities using an ecosystem-based management approach. Maximize ecosystem protection while minimizing adverse socioeconomic impacts. Limit fishing activities to areas that minimize or prevent interactions with corals, seabirds, endangered Hawaiian monk seals, and other protected wildlife, or that do not threaten the natural character or biological integrity of any ecosystem of the region.	Limits and controls fishing uses, integrates an ecosystem-based management approach, and limits fishing locations based on a number of factors.
Pref:		As appropriate to maintain the natural character or biological integrity of any ecosystem of the region:	Additional language precedes the objectives.
7a	Prohibit non-subsistence crustacean fishing.	No change	No change
7b	Prohibit commercial precious coral fishing.	No change	No change
7c	Prohibit all harvest of aquaria species and live fish trade species, and coral, live rock, algae, sponges, and other invertebrates.	Prohibit harvest of all coral species, live rock, all aquaria species and live fish trade species, and algae, sponges, and other invertebrates.	Adds "all coral species" to first in list.

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7d	Limit recreational and charter fishing through bag or size limits, gear restrictions, catch and release requirements, time and area closures, and zoning. Catch shall not be sold, traded, or bartered. A cap shall be established within one year of designation, that shall limit total catch levels so as not to exceed the level existing at that time.	Allow recreational fishing for pelagic species except within sensitive habitats.	Provides for the activity to continue where identified as compatible.
7e	Phase out commercial bottomfishing within one year of designation, and analyze alternatives to facilitate closure of this fishery as part of the EIS development, including buy-out of existing permits, or other closure options. In the interim, limit federal permittees to those permitted as of the year 2000, through catch and size limits, gear restrictions, time and area closures, and zoning.	Allow bottomfish fishing to continue except within sensitive habitats.	Provides for the activity to continue where identified as compatible.
7f	Limit commercial pelagic fishery through time and area closures and zoning. Such fishing shall be capped based on reported landings for the year preceding Dec 4, 2000. All Fish Aggregation Device fishing shall be prohibited, and fishing gear limited to handline, pole and line, and trolling.	Allow commercial pelagic fishing using handline, pole and line and trolling gear except within sensitive habitats.	Provides for the activity to continue where identified as compatible.
	Continue the prohibition of pelagic longline fishing within 50 nautical miles around the NWHI.	Deleted	Longline prohibition covered under 7f and 7j.
7g	Allow Native Hawaiian subsistence fishing practices to the extent consistent with existing law. Such practices shall mean the Native Hawaiian use of ocean resources for the purposes of perpetuating traditional knowledge, taking responsibility and caring for the environment, direct personal consumption while staying in the NWHI, and strengthening cultural and spiritual connections to the NWHI. The sale of any marine resources is prohibited. Provisions may be made under this definition to include the customary practice by Native Hawaiian Ni'ihau and Kaua'i families to travel to and bring back ocean resources for community sharing.	Prohibit subsistence use within the sanctuary except for Native Hawaiian subsistence use.	Provides for the activity to continue as compatible. The definition of NH subsistence use was moved to the definitions section of the regulations.
7h	Sustenance fishing shall be allowed only as incidental to other permitted activity, with all catch consumed while in the NWHI, subject to regulations set forth in the management plan.	Allow sustenance fishing for pelagic and bottomfish species using pole and line, trolling and handline methods with the Sanctuary except within sensitive habitats.	Sustenance fishing restricted in sensitive habitats.
7i		Allow spearfishing without the use of SCUBA for pelagic species except within sensitive habitats.	Clarifies a fishing activity.
7j	All fishing not specifically allowed herein, shall be prohibited.	All fishing not specifically allowed shall be prohibited.	"Herein" deleted.
7k		When there is uncertainty in available information regarding the potential impacts of any fishing activity, err on the side of resource protection.	Adds direction on fishing management.

